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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Denver (9-New)

Date: February 17, 1960

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Unsub;

MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM
 (Letter #1 postmarked Denver,
 Colorado, February 11, 1960,
 6:30 P.M., Addressed to Mr. Adolf
 Coors, Post Office, Golden,
 Colorado)

EXAMINATION

Examination requested by: Denver

Reference:

Letter 2/12/60

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A report on the fingerprint examination is being submitted separately. The evidence will be returned upon completion of this phase of the examination. Photographs are retained.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

D-328967 DL

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Bureau file 7-9575

1 - [redacted] Room 5718

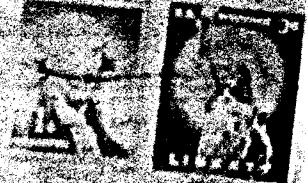
1 - [redacted] Room 5714

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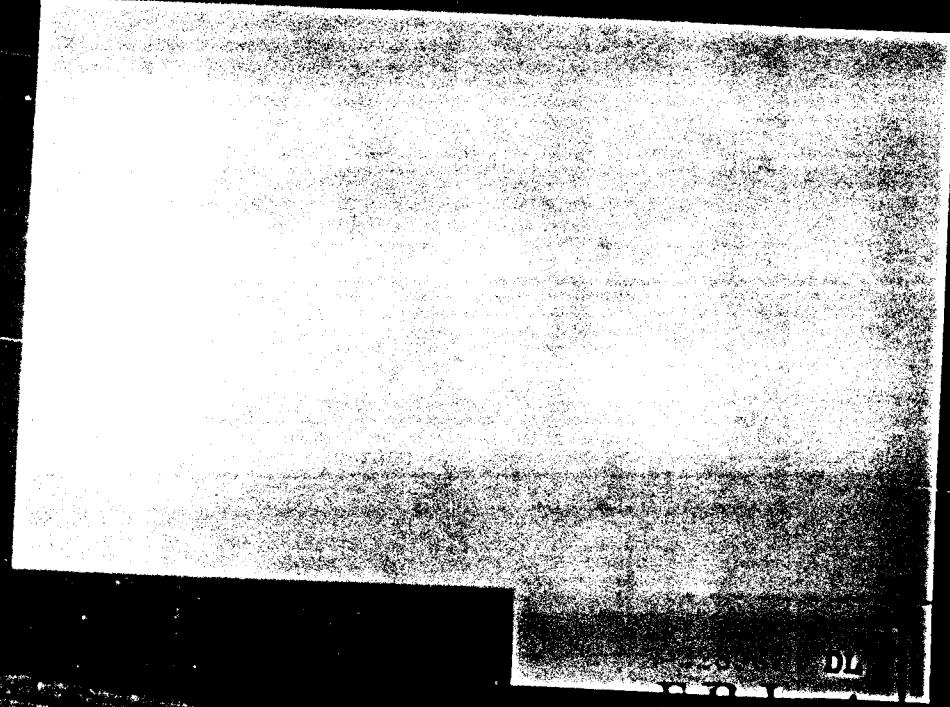
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

LC#24753

Re: Unsub;

MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM
(Letter #1 postmarked Denver, Colorado,
February 11, 1960, 6:30 P.M., addressed
to Mr. Adolf Coors, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado)

EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Denver (9-New)

File #: 9-37066-1
Lab. #: D-328967 DL

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

2/12/60

Result of Examination:

Date received: 2/16/60

Examination by: [Redacted] Jm b6
[Redacted] b7C

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR. ADOLF COORS
POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO" postmarked "DENVER COLO.
FEB 11 1960 6 30 PM"

Q2 Accompanying hand printed note beginning "Put \$50,000...,"
and ending "...BE SMART"

return evidence.....

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington 25, D. C.
REPORT
of the
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
Identification Division

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February 19, 1960

7-35753

John E. Hoover

NAME OF SUBJECT,
MURKIN - VICTIM
LETTER POSTMARKED DENVER, COLORADO,
FEBRUARY 1960, 6:30 P. M., ADDRESSED
TO JOHN H. COOPER, POST OFFICE,
DENVER, COLORADO
ENTERED

ENVELOPE (7-35753)
NOTE (7-35754)
WEIGHT 1 OZ.
SIZE 4 X 6 INCHES
DATE 2/19/60

Sixty latent fingerprints of value for identification
were developed on the submitted envelope. Two latent
fingerprints of value were developed on the submitted note.

The submitted envelope and note are enclosed.

Microscopic report separate.

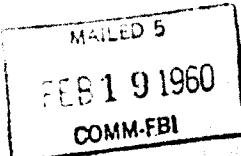
Enclosed (2)

Envelope (7-371)

Note (7-3575)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Office of
DENVER

Office of Origin
DENVER

TITLE OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT:
MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM
(LETTER #1 POSTMARKED DENVER,
COLORADO, FEBRUARY 11, 1960, 6:30
P. M., ADDRESSED TO MR. ADOLF COORS,
POST OFFICE, GOLDEN, COLORADO)

Date
6/10/60 Investigative Period
2/12/60 - 5/30/60

Report made by

SA [redacted]

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cad
Typed By

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

RECORDED

REFERENCES: Denver letter to Bureau dated 2/12/60.
Bureau letter to Denver dated 2/17/60.
Bureau letter to Denver dated 2/29/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Since all logical investigation has been completed
and no suspects developed, this matter is being closed on
the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

Investigation in this case was delayed after
receipt of the letter involved pending further developments
in COORNAP (the main case in this matter), Bureau file
7-9575; Denver file 7-371. The Bureau was so advised by
letter dated February 21, 1960.

Approved

Copier made:

1 - BUREAU

1 - DENVER (9-1022)

Special Agent
In Charge

Do not write in spaces below

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Frank J. Murphy, FBI
Date:

Office: DENVER

Spec. File No.:

Bureau File No.:

To: UNKNOWN WRITER IN MURKIN'S MAIL - VICTIM (LETTER #1 POSTMARKED GOLDEN, COLORADO, FEBRUARY 11, 1960, 6:30 P.M., ADDRESSED TO GOLDEN, COLORADO, POST OFFICE, GOLDEN, COLORADO)

Spec. File No.:

Suspect: An unknown male addressed to victim postmarked Denver, Colorado, February 11, 1960, demanded \$50,000.00. Latent fingerprints delivered on note and envelope. Hand printing on note and envelope not done by any of persons who prepared handwriting on other extortion letters connected with COORNAP investigation.

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Information:

Investigation in this matter is predicated on information furnished by [redacted] Golden, Colorado, on February 12, 1960.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

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Date February 16, 1960

At 8:05 A.M. on February 12, 1960, [redacted]
[redacted] Golden, Colorado, reported that he had
a letter addressed to "Mr. ADOLF COORS, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado," which he felt should be called to the attention
of this office.

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[redacted] was immediately contacted in person at
the Golden Post Office and pursuant to written authorization
from the COORS family for FBI examination of any mail
addressed to them, he turned over to Agent [redacted] a
letter addressed to "Mr. ADOLF COORS, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado," postmarked, Denver, Colorado, at 6:30 P.M.,
February 11, 1960, bearing one 3-cent and one 1-cent stamp.
This letter was immediately placed in a cellophane envelope
by SA [redacted]

Interview with [redacted] File # DN 9-1022

on 2/12/60 at Golden, Colorado

Date dictated 2/15/60

by Special Agent [redacted] :cad

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Date February 16, 1960

The above note was immediately delivered by SA [redacted] from Golden, Colorado to the Denver Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation where in Agent [redacted] presence, the envelope was opened by SAC D. S. HOSTETTER. The envelope contained a slip of white paper, 3" by 5", with the following hand printing appearing thereon in pencil:

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"Put \$50,000 in a suitcase. Wait for contact. Son is O.K. Be smart."

After this note was read by SAC HOSTETTER, in the presence of SA [redacted] the same was turned over by SA [redacted] to SA [redacted]

On 2/12/60 at Denver, Colorado

File # DN 9-1022

SA [redacted] cad

Date dictated _____

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In letter dated February 12, 1960, SA [redacted] forwarded the above-described note and envelope to the FBI Laboratory.

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On February 17, 1960, the FBI Laboratory reported as follows:

Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR ADOLF COORS
POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO," postmarked "DENVER COLO. 2
FEB 17 1960 1:30 PM"

Anonymous hand printed note beginning "PUT \$50,000...,"
and ending "...BE SMART".

Examination:

The envelope, Q1, is made of white bond paper containing no watermark and measuring 6.5" in length and 4.5" in width. The envelope is addressed in uppercase hand printing with a ball-point pen containing blue ink. The note, Q2, is made of white bond paper containing no watermark and measuring 3.00" by 5.00". This paper was taken from a pad of similar size. The message is hand printed in uppercase letters with a soft pencil.

The hand printing on Q1 and Q2 was not done by the same who did the hand printing on other extortion letters being cut of the CCRNAP investigation. This hand printing was also searched through the Anonymous Letter File, but nothing of significance was found.

On February 19, 1960, the Latent Fingerprint Division of the Identification Division reported that eight latent fingerprints were developed on the envelope submitted and that two latent fingerprints were developed on the note.

It is noted the contents of the anonymous note were discussed with the victim on February 25, 1960, by [redacted] at which time the victim stated that he was not the one who might have prepared or transmitted this note and that he had no intention of complying with any instruction contained therein.

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The Attorney General

October 31, 1960

Director, FBI

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ABDUCTION OF ADOLPH COORS, III,
FEBRUARY 9, 1960

I thought you would like to know that Special Agents [redacted] and members of the Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, police Department [redacted] on October 20, 1960. Information leading to the location of [redacted] in Vancouver was developed by FBI Agents working with the Vancouver officers.

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By way of background, in March, 1960, [redacted] was developed as the prime suspect in the kidnaping of Adolph Coors, III, wealthy Colorado industrialist, on February 9, 1960. We ascertained that [redacted] was an escapee from a California penal institution. He was placed on our list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives on March 30, 1960, and has been the subject of extensive investigation.

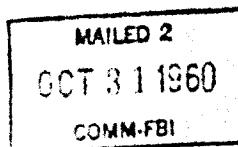
The body of Adolph Coors, III, was located in Colorado in September, 1960, through our investigation. A summary of facts and evidence developed was furnished to Colorado authorities on September 21, 1960, and on September 26, 1960, [redacted] was charged in Jefferson County, Colorado, with the murder of Adolph Coors, III.

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- 1 - Mr. Lawrence K. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Malcolm Richard Wilkey

JRE:ejf
(10)



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67 NOV 3 1960
MAX BOONE
HARVEY

FILE NO.

Q 37066?

REASSIGNMENT

ASSIGNED TO: #1

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#3 _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

EXAMINER LATENT

Re: Unsub;
MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM
(Letter #1 postmarked Denver, Colorado,
February 11, 1960, 6:30 P.M., addressed
to Mr. Adolf Coors, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado)

File #
Lab. # D-328987 DL

EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Denver (9-New) 2/12/60

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 2/16/60

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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JW

LFP's will return
Q1 + Q2 to Denver.

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR. ADOLF COORS
POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO" postmarked "DENVER COLO.
FEB 11 1960 6 30 PM"
- Q2 Accompanying hand printed note beginning "Put \$50,000...,"
and ending "...BE SMART"

return evidence.....

Envelope - Q1
2 [unclear] 62

Q1 + Q2 returned to [unclear]
LFB Dec 20 68

Received 1-16-68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

~~XXXXX LATENT~~

Re: Unsub.

MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM
(Letter #1 postmarked Denver, Colorado,
February 11, 1968, 6:30 P.M., Addressed
to Mr. Adolf Coors, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado)

File #
Lab. # D-328967 DL

INTENTION

Examination requested by: Denver (S-New)

2/12/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 2/12/68

Result of Examination:

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Examination by: [redacted]

- 1 envelope
- 1 sheet ACF; off added
- + set in prints
- not latent other extortion letters

Sealed upper left flap. City. Wyo. Utah, Ariz. N. Mex. Okla, Kan. Ind.

added 2/16/68
MB

Specimens submitted for examination

1. Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR. ADOLF COORS POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO" postmarked "DENVER COLO. 2 FEB 11 1968 6:30 PM"
2. Accompanying hand printed note beginning "PUT \$50,000..." and ending "...BE SMART"

ALL evidence.....

cc 7-9575

[redacted]
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Q1 White envelope measuring
6.50" X 3.62" X 0.004
No w.m.

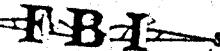
with end
flaps up
ab-pid
unwrapped

Q2 - 3x5 slip of paper measuring
3x5" X 0.0032
No w.m.

white w.m.
removed from
exterior of envelope

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of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Denver

Date:
FBI File No.
Lab. No.

February 17, 1960

D-328967 DL

Unsub;

MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM
(Letter #1 postmarked Denver, Colorado,
February 11, 1960, 6:30 P.M., Addressed
to Mr. Adolf Coors, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado); EXTORTION

Q1: Envelope containing hand printed address "MR. ADOLF COORS
POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO," postmarked "DENVER COLO. 2
FEB 11 1960 6:30 PM"

Q2: Envelope containing hand printed note beginning "PUT \$50,000...,"
"BE SMART"

Method of examination:

Examination of envelope Q1: The envelope is made of white bond paper
and is 6" in width. The envelope is made of white bond paper
and is 6" in width. The envelope is made of white bond paper containing no
hand printing with a ball-point pen containing blue ink.
The envelope, Q2, is made of white bond paper containing no
watermark and measuring 3.00" by 5.00". This paper was
removed from a pad of similar size. The message is hand
printed in uppercase letters with a soft pencil.

The hand printing on Q1 and Q2 was not done by the
persons who did the hand printing on other extortion letters
showing out of the COORNAP investigation. This hand printing
was also searched through the Anonymous Letter File, but
nothing of significance was found.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE

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FEB 17 1960
FBI - DENVER
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TAM
W.D. COORS
DOLPHIN
HAROLD
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